



Fw: Upper Alluvium Extraction Well Design

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Dana,

Following are EPA's comments on the March 14, 2010 letter titled *Upper Alluvium Extraction Well Design, NW Natural Gasco Site, Portland, Oregon*, prepared by Anchor QEA for NW Natural. The letter discusses the grain size testing results from the recent soil borings and provides the design for extraction well filter pack sand gradation and screen slot size for the proposed upper alluvium extraction wells PW12U, PW13U, PW15U, and PW16U. EPA finds the recommended filter pack and screen slot size reasonable pending clarification/acknowledgment from NW Natural on the following:

The letter references a "typical" sand curve for 16x30 sand pack in the attachment titled "Grading Parameters of Lapis Lustre Sands (cumulative percent passing)" provided by RMC Pacific Materials (dated October 20, 1999). NW Natural should confirm that RMC Pacific Materials will be the supplier of the sand to be used for the upper alluvium extraction well completions. Regardless of supplier, NW Natural should obtain and provide a more recent (newer than 1999) specification sheet for the type curves of the filter pack material to be delivered on site.

Regarding the Filter Pack:

- NW Natural should verify that the supplied filter pack is washed and sterile. Some suppliers do not sterilize the filter pack, which can lead to a more rapid bio-fouling if the filter pack has excessive bacteria.

- NW Natural should verify that the supplied filter pack meets the specifications provided in the "type" sand curve analysis that the design relies on by conducting a Quality Control check of the filter pack delivered on site. This can be achieved with a hot plate, or microwave for drying the filter pack samples (if necessary), a set of standard sieves that match those presented in the filter pack material specification sheet for the proposed filter pack, and shaker. Prior to placement, one (50 to 100 pound size) bag of filter pack should be randomly sampled per well completion (4 bags total) to confirm it meets the specifications provided by the manufacturers "type" curve. The filter pack should not vary beyond the limits of the calculated D50 range x 5, or show a passing of no more than 10% for the selected screen slot.

Let us know if you have any questions. Thank you.

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Thank you.

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Dana -

Attached is the Upper Alluvium Extraction Well Design Memo for the 4 pumping wells identified for testing to evaluate well spacing in the upper alluvium. Given the long lead-time for the screen materials, we would like to place our order by the end of the week.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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